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Idaho June Red Meat Production Down 10 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for June 2010 totaled 17.3 million pounds, down 10 percent from June of last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Accumulated red meat production for the January-June 2010 period totaled 100.5 million pounds, down 12 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.18 billion pounds in June, up slightly from the 4.16 billion pounds produced in June 2009. Beef production, at 2.32 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.05 million head, up 2 percent from June 2009. The average live weight was down 8 pounds from the previous year, at 1,261 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.8 million pounds, 7 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 68,600 head, down 11 percent from June 2009. The average live weight was up 18 pounds from last year, at 269 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.83 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.04 million head, down 1 percent from June 2009. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 271 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 14.1 million pounds, was up 2 percent from June 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 212,000 head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, down 3 pounds from June a year ago. January to June 2010 commercial red meat production was 23.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

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